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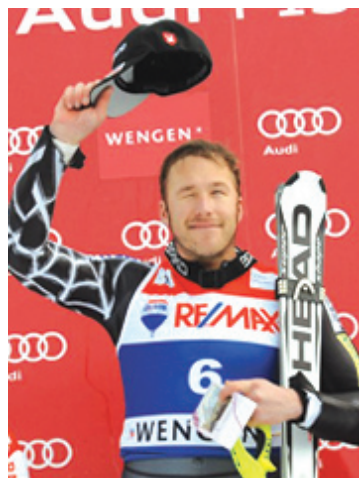


In this July. 1, 2004 file photo, Saddam Hussein's cousin Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali," for his alleged use of chemical weapons against Iraqi Kurds, appears at a courtroom in Baghdad, Iraq. "Chemical Ali" has been convicted Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010 of crimes against humanity and sentenced to death for involvement in a poison gas attack on Halabja.

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SPORTS NEWS

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New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez walks off the field following the Jets' 17-14 win over the San Diego Chargers in an NFL divisional playoff football game Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010 in San Diego. The Jets won 17-14.

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People walk through rubble and smoke from burning bodies in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010. U.N. peacekeepers patrolling the capital said popular anger is rising and warned authorities and aid organizations to increase security to guard against looting after Tuesday's earthquake.

Associated Press

Haitians pray, cry for help in the ruins

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Prayers of thanksgiving and cries for help rose from Haiti's huddled homeless Sunday, the sixth day of an epic humanitarian crisis that was straining the world's ability to respond and igniting flare-ups of violence amid the rubble of Port-au-Prince.

Haitian police struggled to scatter hundreds of stone-throwing looters in the city's Vieux Marche, or Old Market. Elsewhere downtown, amid the smoke from bonfires burning uncollected bodies, gunfire rang out and bands of machete-wielding young men roamed the streets, faces hidden by bandanas.

A leading aid group complained of skewed priorities and a supply bottleneck at the U.S.-

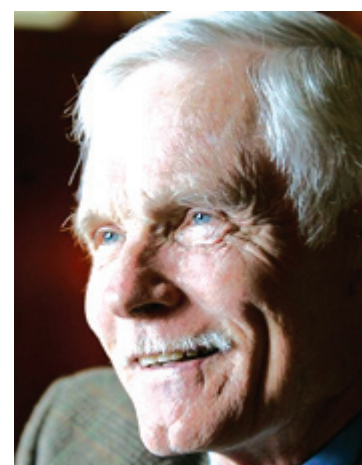
controlled airport. The general in charge said the U.S. military was "working aggressively" to speed up deliveries.

Beside the ruins of the Port-Au-Prince cathedral, where the sun streamed through the shattered stained glass, the priest told his flock at their first Sunday Mass since Tuesday's earthquake, "We are in the hands of God now."

But anger mounted hourly that other helping hands were slow in getting food and water to millions in need.

"The government is a joke. The U.N. is a joke," Jacqueline Thermiti, 71, said as she lay in the dust with dozens of dying elderly outside their destroyed nursing home. "We're a kilometer (half a mile) from the airport and we're going to die of hunger."

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In this Feb. 7, 2008 file photo, Ted Turner smiles during an interview with the Associated Press, in Omaha, Neb. With 88 bison from Yellowstone National Park facing possible slaughter, Turner has swept in and offered to hold the animals for five years on his sprawling Montana ranch while a new home for them is found.

Associated Press

Turner's bid for park bison stokes wildlife debate

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BILLINGS, Montana (AP) — With 88 bison from Yellowstone National Park facing possible slaughter, billionaire TV mogul Ted Turner has swept in and offered to hold the animals for five years on his sprawling Montana ranch while a new home for them is found. But Turner, ever the shrewd businessman, won't do it for nothing.

The media mogul says he will care for the bison only if he can keep up to 90 percent of their offspring.

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HAITI AID

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Water was delivered to more people around the capital, where an estimated 300,000 displaced were living outdoors. But food and medicine were still scarce.

The crippled city choked on the stench of death and shook with yet another aftershock Sunday. On the streets, people were still dying, people were on their knees praying for help, pregnant women were giving birth on the pavement, and the injured were showing up in wheelbarrows and on people's backs at hurriedly erected field hospitals. Authorities warned that looting and violence could spread.

At the Vieux Marche, police tried to disperse looters by driving trucks through the crowds, as hundreds scrambled over partly destroyed shops grabbing anything they could. As he ran from the scene with a big box of tampons, Love Zedouni shouted: "I've got no idea what this is, but I'm sure you can sell it."

Police used tear gas to scatter looters at street markets near the collapsed presidential palace. At the Cite Soleil slum, moments after police drove by, a reporter spotted a gunman stealing a bag of rice from a motorcycle rider.

"This is one of the most serious crises in decades," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said as he flew into the Haitian capital. "The damage, destruction and loss of life are just overwhelming."

A reliable death toll may be weeks away, but the Pan American Health Organization estimates 50,000 to 100,000 died in the 7.0-magnitude tremor, and Haitian officials believe the number is higher.

Celebrating Mass outside the once-proud pink-and-white cathedral, now a shell of rubble where a rotting body lay in the entrance, the Rev. Eric Toussaint preached of thanksgiving to a small congregation of old women and other haggard survivors assembled under the open sky.

"Why give thanks to God? Because we are here," Toussaint said. "What happened is the will of God. We are in the hands of God now." Mondesir Raymone, a 27-year-old single mother of two, was grateful. "We have survived by the grace of God," she said.

But others were angry.

"It's a catastrophe and it is God who has put this upon us," said Jean-Andre Noel, 39, a computer technician. "Those who live in Haiti need everything. We need food, we need drink, we need medicine. We need help."

Were his parishioners being helped? Toussaint was asked. "Not yet," he replied.

The U.N. World Food Program was "pretty well on target to reach more than 60,000 people today," up from 40,000 the previous day, WFP spokesman David Orr said. But U.N. officials said they must raise that to 2 million within a month.

The U.S. aid chief, Rajiv Shah, told "Fox News Sunday" he believed the U.S. distributed 130,000 "meals ready to eat" on Saturday, but the need was much larger. "We're really trying to address it," he said.

In a further sign of the delays, the aid group CARE had yet to set a plan for distributing 38 tons of WFP high-energy biscuits in outlying

areas of Haiti, CARE spokesman Brian Feagans said Sunday. He did not say why.

The Geneva-based aid group Doctors Without Borders put it bluntly: "There is little sign of significant aid distribution."

The "major difficulty," it said, was the bottleneck at the airport, under U.S. military control. It said a flight carrying its own inflatable hospital was denied landing clearance and was being trucked overland from Santo Domingo, almost 200 miles away in the Dominican Republic, delaying its arrival by 24 hours.

French, Brazilian and other officials had earlier complained about the U.S.-run airport's refusal to allow their supply planes to land. A World Food Program official told The New York Times that the Americans' priorities were out of sync, allowing too many U.S. military flights and too few aid deliveries.

The U.S. has completely taken over Port-au-Prince airspace and incoming flights have to register with Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida, said Chief Master Sgt. Ty Foster, Air Force spokesman here.

"You won't have the stray cats and dogs allowed to come into the airspace and clog it up," he said.

On Sunday, WFP spokesman Gregory Barrow in Rome was more positive, speaking of "extremely close cooperation" with the U.S. at the airport. But a coordinator here for Spain's international development agency, Daniel Martin, complained that their aid supplies had been diverted to Santo Domingo, and Doctors Without Borders spokesman Jason Cone said the U.S. military needed "to be clear on its prioritization of medical supplies and equipment."

The on-the-ground U.S. commander in Haiti, Lt. Gen. Ken Keen, acknowledged the bottleneck problem. "We're working aggressively to open up other ways to get in here. The ports are part of that," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The White House said Sunday the U.S. Coast Guard ship Oak had arrived at Port-au-Prince harbor, rendered useless for incoming aid because of quake damage, and use heavy cranes and other equipment to make the port functional.

Other U.S. help was on the way: Some 2,000 Marines should arrive off Haiti on Monday, Keen said, reinforcing 1,000 U.S. troops on the ground.

The general reported "increasing incidents of violence," as a weakened Haitian police force and U.N. peacekeeping contingent were overwhelmed.

In the Port-au-Prince neighborhood of Delmas, a crowd gathered Sunday around the bodies of two accused looters, who had been beaten to death by angry residents. Onlookers said they were among 4,000 prisoners who escaped when the main prison collapsed in the quake.

Angry survivors loitered amid piles of burning garbage in the Bel-Air slum. "White guys, get the hell out!" they shouted in apparent frustration at the sight of more and more foreigners in their streets who were not delivering help.

They also sounded furious with President Rene Preval, who hasn't been seen at a rescue site or gone on radio to address the nation since the quake struck. □

WILDLIFE DEBATE

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And in the Rocky Mountain West — where wildlife is cherished both for its aesthetic value and as meat on the table — the plan is stoking a sharp debate over the role of deep-pocketed private entities in conservation.

Hunters, environmentalists and property law experts have all weighed in and most say Turner's plan sets a dangerous precedent for the commercialization of public wildlife. Others describe Turner as a responsible steward of the land with the resources needed to take care of animals that desperately need a home.

Even the urgency of the situation is open to question.

Despite warnings from Montana about possible slaughter, federal officials said earlier this month that the bison could be kept longer if needed at a quarantine compound north of the park. They have already been there for several years to make sure they are disease free.

Dennis Tilton, a rancher from nearby Livingston who worked for a year feeding the animals under government contract, said giving the animals to Turner amounted to "robbing from the public domain." He said the state should put them onto public land to establish new herds. Since Turner first came to Montana in 1989, his ambitious conservation efforts in the state have been alternately lauded and reviled. He's shielded more than 150,000 acres from development, but in the process put several prized hunting grounds off limits to the public. Those who want to continue hunting on his Flying D Ranch, in the Spanish Peaks foothills south of Bozeman, today must pony up \$14,000 to shoot a trophy elk.

For \$4,000, they can harvest a bull bison out of a herd of more than 1,000 of the animals that Turner has been building up for two decades. His representatives insist the Yellowstone animals are more valuable for their genetics and would be off limits.

Yellowstone's bison, also known as buffalo, represent one the last vestiges of the massive herds that once roamed across North America — tens of millions of animals that were all but wiped out in the late 19th century.

Turner's representatives say his plan for the 88 park bison would advance a long-standing advocacy for wildlife restoration. It also gains him the animals' unique and valuable genetics. "We don't understand the antipathy," said Turner Enterprises general manager Russell Miller.

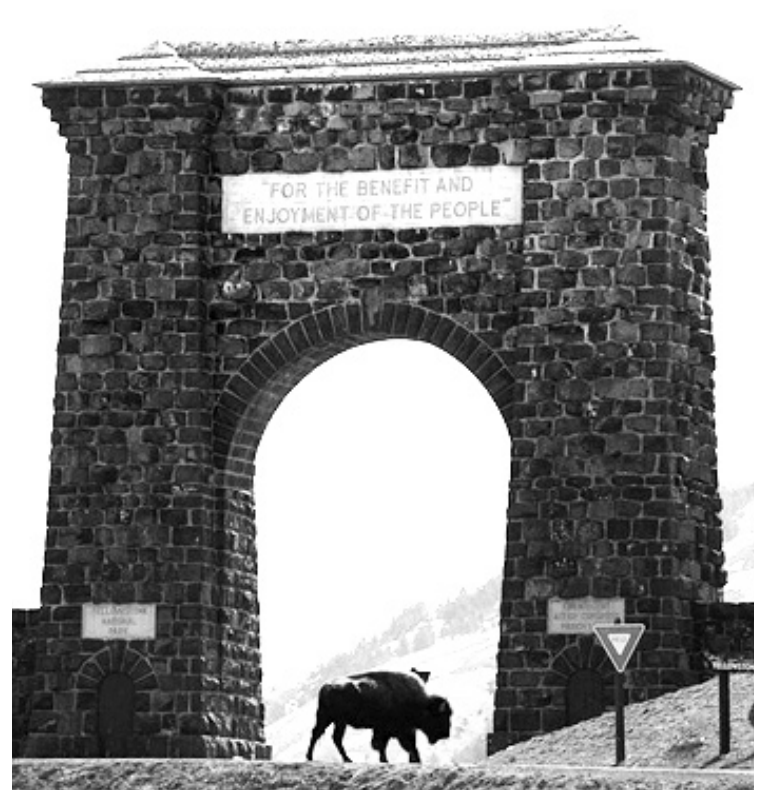
He said Turner is interested in the animals as a way to further his private bison conservation efforts, not for their market value.

"That doesn't mean there won't be a market somewhere way out in the future," he added.

Turner's plan is expected to be acted on by the end of the month by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Guernsey State Park in Wyoming has also put in a proposal to the agency for 14 bison.

Montana officials were largely caught off guard by the billionaire's initial bid, which came at the invitation of the state's Democratic governor, Brian Schweitzer.

State and federal pronouncements going back to at least 2005 had called for the quarantined animals to be relocated onto public or tribal lands. Before Turner came along, those pronouncements included an explicit prohibition against commercialization of the animals. □



This undated file photo shows a Bison making his way across the historic gate to Yellowstone Park in Gardiner, Mt. Ted Turner's bid to get 74 wild bison from Yellowstone National Park is drawing stiff opposition from those who say the animals are being given up for private profit instead of conservation.

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Dems look at bypassing Senate health care vote



Candidates for the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by the death of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., from the left, Republican candidate Scott Brown, Democratic candidate Martha Coakley, and Joseph L. Kennedy, a Libertarian candidate running as an independent and who is no relation to the late senator, make last minute preparations before a debate is taped at the WBZ-TV studios in Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009.

Associated Press

CHARLES BABINGTON

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON – A panicky White House and Democratic allies scrambled Sunday for a plan to salvage their hard-fought health care package in case a Republican wins Tuesday's Senate race in Massachusetts, which would enable the GOP to block further Senate action.

The likeliest scenario would require persuading House Democrats to accept a bill the Senate passed last month, despite their objections to several parts.

Aides worked frantically Sunday amid fears that Republican Scott Brown will defeat Democrat Martha Coakley in the special election to fill the late Edward M. Kennedy's seat. A Brown win would give the GOP 41 Senate votes, enough to filibuster and block final passage of the House-Senate compromise on health care now being crafted.

House Democrats, especially liberals, viewed those compromises as vital because they view the Senate-passed version as doing too little to help working families. Under the Senate bill, 94 percent of Americans would be covered, compared to 96 percent in the House version. The House plan would increase taxes on millionaires while the Senate plan would tax so-called Cadillac, high-cost health insurance plans enjoyed by many corporate executives as well as some union members.

The House passed its own version last year, and members assumed it would be reconciled with the Senate bill and then sent back to both chambers for final approval by the narrowest of margins. A GOP win in Massachusetts on Tuesday would likely kill that plan, because Republicans could block Senate action on the reconciled bill.

The newly discussed fallback would require House Democrats to swallow hard and approve the Senate-passed bill without changes. President Barack Obama could sign it into law without another Senate vote needed.

House leaders presumably would urge the Senate to make some changes later under a complex plan requiring only a simple majority, but it's unclear whether that could happen.

The plan is highly problematic. House liberals already are bristling over changes the Senate forced upon them earlier, and some may conclude that no bill is better than the Senate bill. Meanwhile, some moderate Democrats may abandon the health bill altogether after seeing a Republican win Kennedy's seat in strongly Democratic Massachusetts.

Republican activists openly scoffed at the notion of Democrats passing the highly contentious health package after a GOP takeover of Kennedy's Senate seat. But some Democrats said failure to pass a health bill will cripple their ability to tell voters this November that they accomplished anything with their control of the House, Senate and White House.

"The simplest way is the House route," a White House aide said Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity because Democrats have not conceded the race to Brown.

If Coakley wins, final passage of a House-Senate compromise is not guaranteed but seems likely.

But even as Obama campaigned for Coakley in Boston Sunday, top aides furiously weighed options if she loses. They include:

Acting before Brown is sworn in. Congressional and White House negotiators could try to reconcile the House and Senate bills quickly and pass them before Brown takes office. A firestorm of criticism would follow, but some Democrats say it would be better than having no bill.

Seeking a Republican to cast the crucial 60th Senate vote. Some Democrats hope Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, might do this, but others seriously doubt it.

Start over and pass a new, scaled back health bill using a complicated process that requires a simple majority of 51 Senate votes. Several Senate aides said this was unlikely.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi has repeatedly ruled out a House vote on the Senate's version, and privately, officials have raised concerns about asking the rank and file to vote on legislation containing provisions that might prove problematic in the midterm elections.

As an example, the Senate-passed measure exempts self-insured insurance plans from many of the steps Democrats say are essential to curb insurance industry abuses. By one estimate, as many as 100 million individuals are covered under such plans.

It was unclear how the negotiators at the White House in recent days have resolved that issue.

Additionally, House Democrats in last week's talks pushed for additional subsidies for lower-income individuals and families who would be required to buy insurance under the measure that cleared the Senate. Several Democrats familiar with the talks said Obama had agreed with this point of view, and changes had been made accordingly. □

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Official: Man says he opened JFK door by mistake

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NEW YORK (AP) — A man returning from Haiti who walked through a restricted door and set off an alarm that led to the evacuation of a terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport told police he went through the door by mistake, an official familiar with the investigation into the security breach told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The official was not authorized to comment publicly on the case against the Brooklyn man and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The security breach on Saturday afternoon delayed dozens of flights and caused headaches for hundreds of travelers who had to exit the terminal and wait for hours while police swept the building. Passengers were then re-screened by Transportation Security Administration officers. The incident came less than two weeks after a security breach at nearby Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey.

Jules Paul Bouloute, 57, was arraigned Sunday on charges including first-degree criminal tampering and third-degree criminal trespass, said Helen Peterson, a spokeswoman for the Queens district attorney. He didn't enter a plea and was released without bail. He faces up to seven years in prison if convicted on the most serious charge. Prosecutors allege that he



Passengers wait to be re-screened due to a security breach at Terminal 8 of JFK airport Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 in New York. A terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport was evacuated Saturday after a security breach, officials said.

Associated Press

went through a door that was clearly marked as restricted. "As a result of the defendant's actions, thousands of people were required to evacuate and to be re-screened by TSA, causing substantial delays in the airlines' schedules," District Attorney Richard A. Browne said in a statement. Defense attorney Scott Dusault could not immediately be reached by phone for comment Sunday. Bouloute's home phone number was unlisted, and there was no answer at his door, in a Brooklyn neighborhood of two- and three-story brick row houses where many Haitians live. A neighbor, Saul Sanon, said he thought Bouloute went back and forth to Haiti a few times a year but said he doesn't know him that well. "He's not a bad person," Sanon said. "I don't know exactly what happened. I think he just made a mistake. Probably he was affected by the situation in Haiti."

Stephen Sigmund, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which oversees the area airports, said the agency was reviewing security procedures and reaching out to airlines to make sure security protocols were being followed. He said the terminal where the incident took place was used by American Airlines. Airlines spokesman Charlie Wilson declined to comment on security issues because of the ongoing investigation. The incident is the third evacuation in five months at airports that serve New York City. A Rutgers University graduate student from China, Haisong Jiang, 28, was charged last week with trespassing in the Jan. 3 breach at the Newark airport. Flights were grounded for hours and passengers were re-screened while air safety officials searched for a man who had walked through the

exit of a security checkpoint. Jiang's arraignment is set for Jan. 28 in Newark.

A friend, Ning Huang, said he's known Jiang for years and Jiang is "a very good person" who didn't realize the ramifications of his

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Pope defends Pius XII against Jewish critics



A member of Rome's Jewish Community walks past by Rome's main synagogue as a TV technician prepares cable to broadcast the upcoming visit of Pope Benedict XVI, Friday, Jan. 15, 2010. The pontiff's visit to Rome's main synagogue next Jan. 17, has sharply divided Italian Jews, with some angered by his moves to push World War II Pope Pius XII toward sainthood.

Associated Press

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 Associated Press Writer

ROME (AP)—In a synagogue visit haunted by history, Pope Benedict XVI and Jewish leaders sparred over the record of the World War II-era pope during the Holocaust

and agreed on the need to strengthen Catholic-Jewish relations. Both sides said the visit Sunday to the seat of the oldest Jewish community in the diaspora was an occasion to overcome what Benedict called "every misconception

and prejudice."

Signs of the Jewish community's tragic history were abundant, as the German-born Benedict stopped at a plaque marking where Roman Jews were rounded up by the Nazis in 1943 and at another marking the slaying of a 2-year-old boy in an attack by Palestinian terrorists on the synagogue in 1982. A handful of death-camp survivors wore striped scarves to symbolize the camp uniform.

Benedict defended his predecessor Pius XII against critics, telling the audience that the Vatican worked quietly to save Jews from the Nazis during World War II. Many Jews object to Benedict moving Pius toward sainthood, contending the wartime pope didn't do enough to protect Jews from the Holocaust. The Vatican has maintained that Pius used behind-the-scenes diplomacy in a bid to save

Jewish lives.

While he didn't mention Pius by name, Benedict told Jewish leaders in the synagogue that the Vatican "itself provided assistance, often in a hidden and discreet way."

Benedict said Catholics acted courageously to save Jews even as their extermination "tragically reached as far as Rome." He spoke shortly after Jewish Community President Riccardo Pacifici, whose grandparents were killed at Auschwitz while his father was saved by Italian nuns in a Florence convent, criticized Pius. Pacifici said Italian Catholics worked to save Jews but the "silence" of Pius "still hurts as a failed action."

Chief Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni later told the packed synagogue that "human silence ... doesn't escape judgment." Several prominent Jews had said they would boycott, but Benedict received warm

applause throughout the 90-minute visit. In an emotional moment, Pacifici greeted the Holocaust survivors, and the entire audience, including Benedict, rose to honor them. The temple sits in the Old Jewish Ghetto, the Rome neighborhood near the Tiber where for hundreds of years Jews were confined under the orders of a 16th century pope. Relations between Jews and the Vatican have at times been tense over the Vatican's sainthood efforts for Pius, who was pontiff from 1939 to 1958. Those tensions flared again after Benedict last month issued a decree hailing the "heroic virtues" of Pius, an important step before beatification, which is the last formal stage before possible sainthood.

In an open letter to the pope, Rome's Holocaust survivors also made a reference to Pius, saying that "the silence of those who could have done something has marked our lives."

The Rev. Remigio Oprandi, a priest who watched the pope's arrival outside the synagogue, rejected Jewish criticism of the wartime pontiff.

"We Romans saved so many Jews during the war, all under orders of the pope," he said. "It goes against history to judge him negatively."

Some Jews also have been angered by Benedict's reaching out to Catholic traditionalists, including his revival of a prayer for the conversion of Jews. Another sore point is Benedict's decision to revoke the excommunication of a renegade bishop who denied that millions of Jews died in the Holocaust. □

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Chavez seeks improved relations with U.S.

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela is seeking to improve diplomatic relations with the United States despite long-standing tensions with Washington, President Hugo Chavez said in an interview broadcast Sunday.

Chavez said he has given Deputy Foreign Minister Francisco Arias Cardenas permission to seek a meeting with U.S. officials in Washington to discuss forging better bilateral relations.

“Arias Cardenas asked for authorization to meet with an emissary from the U.S. government, and I gave it to him,” said Chavez, speaking during a program broadcast on the local Televen television channel. “We want to talk, so there’s a possibility of easing tensions.”

Chavez didn’t explain what prompted his decision to try to improve relations just weeks after he accused the U.S. of planning to invade his country.

Officials at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas could not be reached for comment Sunday. There was no immediate reaction from the U.S. State Department or the White House.

Chavez has accused the United States and Colombia of spying on Venezuela and

conspiring to topple his “revolutionary” government. Tensions have been exacerbated by a recent agreement between Washington and Bogota granting U.S. troops expanded access to Colombian military bases.

Last week, Venezuela made a diplomatic protest to the U.S., saying a U.S. military plane recently violated its airspace.

John Caulfield, charge d’affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas, denied the accusation, saying a U.S. military aircraft has not strayed into Venezuelan airspace since 2008, when the U.S. acknowledged what it called an accidental incident involving a navy plane.

Meanwhile, U.S officials have criticized what they call Venezuela’s failure to effectively fight drug trafficking.

But even as he talked peace, Chavez seemed to fan the flames with his neighbor, Colombia, for allowing greater U.S. military presence in the region. The U.S. says its soldiers in Colombia will be used only to help Colombian President Alvaro Uribe fight drug trafficking and rebels.

With “the election of Obama and the Democrats in Congress, Uribe began to fear he’d lose the support that he had from Bush, and he dropped his pants due to the fear of losing the backing of the United States,” Chavez said in the same interview. □



Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez, front, arrives to the National Assembly prior to delivering his annual state-of-the-nation speech in Caracas, Friday, Jan. 15, 2010.

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Iraq's 'Chemical Ali' to hang for 1988 gas attack



In this Jan. 8, 2007 file photo, Saddam Hussein's cousin Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali," for his alleged use of chemical weapons against Iraqi Kurds, listens to prosecution evidence during the Operation Anfal trial, in Baghdad, Iraq. "Chemical Ali" was convicted Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010 of crimes against humanity and sentenced to death for involvement in a poison gas attack on Halabja.

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Exiled Guinea leader appeals for reconciliation

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OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP) — Guinea's exiled leader appealed for peace and reconciliation Sunday, urging his countrymen to put aside ethnic differences and set the stage for elections in six months. Speaking to reporters in Burkina Faso's capital, Capt. Moussa "Dadis" Camara said he had not been pressured to agree to the breakthrough deal Friday that effectively ended the nation's crisis and keeps him in voluntary exile.

The agreement calls on Camara's deputy — Gen. Sekouba Konate — to act as interim leader and help organize elections that will hand power to a civilian government this summer.

The deal, mediated by Burkina Faso President Blaise Compaore, has been hailed as a second chance for Guinea's 10 million people, who lived in terror during the last few months of Camara's rule and suffered decades of dictatorship under his predecessor.

Referring to Konate, Camara said: "I call on you, the sons and daughters of Guinea, to give him the necessary support for the cause of democracy."



Guinea's exiled leader Capt. Moussa "Dadis" Camara addresses reporters in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Sunday Jan. 17, 2010.

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He also called on the people of Guinea to put aside ethnic differences, and said he would continue to consult with Konate "in the interest of a successful transition which will lead to the election of a democratically elected president."

The 46-year-old Camara was shot in the head by his aide-de-camp in early December and rushed to Morocco for emergency surgery. Last week, he was unexpectedly flown to Ouagadougou.

Camara said his "life is no longer in danger, but ... I need to rest." □

ADAM SCHRECK

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — Saddam Hussein's notorious cousin "Chemical Ali" was convicted Sunday and sentenced to hang for ordering the most infamous of his crimes, the attacks against the Kurdish town of Halabja that killed more than 5,000 people in clouds of poisonous gas. The fourth death sentence against Ali Hassan al-Majid for crimes against humanity serves as a reminder that victims of Saddam's atrocities remain determined to seek justice, as some politicians stoke the lingering bitterness toward the old Sunni-led regime to cement the Shiite domination that supplanted it.

For the still suffering victims of the assault on Halabja more than two decades ago, the verdict brought a sense of closure to an event that came to symbolize the brutality of Saddam's rule.

"Now the souls of our victims will rest in peace," said Nazik Tawfiq, a 45-year-old Kurdish woman who said she lost six relatives in the attack. Upon hearing the verdict in the Baghdad courtroom, she fell to her knees to pray. Al-Majid's previous sentences have not been carried out in part because Halabja survivors wanted to have their case against him heard. Politics also plays a role, with a three-member presidential council representing Iraq's leading factions of Shiites, Sunni Arabs and Kurds unable to agree to sign off on an earlier execution order.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite who is seeking re-election in March, has taken a tough stance against former members of Saddam's now banned Baath party. The government has accused Baathists of involvement in a number of major bombings that have undercut its efforts to maintain security as U.S. troops draw down.

Relatives of Halabja's victims clapped and embraced in a screened-off corner of the courtroom following the guilty verdict against al-Majid, one of the chief architects of Saddam's repression. He is one of the last high-profile members of the former regime still on trial, and he still faces charges in several additional cases.

In Halabja, residents cheered and songs blared from loudspeakers at a monument commemorating victims of the attack. Some in town visited the cemetery to remember loved ones who died in the gassing. The jubilation demonstrated again the deep-rooted hatred many Iraqis still feel toward the former regime. "I came here to the cemetery to shout and tell my dead beloved relatives that the killer Chemical Ali is going to be hanged for his crimes," said Arslan Abid, who lost 16 family members in the attack.

Another senior figure in Saddam's regime, former Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, suffered a severe stroke over the weekend and cannot speak, his son said Sunday from neighboring Jordan. Aziz was for years the chief diplomat of Saddam's regime. He was convicted and sentenced to prison for his involvement in the forced displacement of Kurds in northern Iraq and the deaths of Baghdad merchants in the

1990s.

Aziz was taken last Thursday to a U.S. military hospital in Baghdad for examination, said a U.S. military official, Lt. Col. Pat Johnson. His condition is improving, and he is being closely monitored, Johnson said, declining to say more due to privacy concerns.

The continuing trials of Saddam's henchmen are seen by many Iraqis as evidence that the country's new Shiite-dominated government remains worried about a possible attempt by the Sunnis and their backers among other Arab governments to undermine its grip on power. Al-Majid earned his nickname because of his willingness to use poison gas against the Kurds.

The 1988 killings remain a source of deep pain, particularly among that community. Many in Halabja still suffer physically from the effects of the nerve and mustard gas that were unleashed on the village at the end of the eight-year Iran-Iraq War.

Survivors feel a sense of injustice that Saddam was hanged for the killings of Shiites after a 1982 assassination attempt against him in a town north of Baghdad but did not live to face justice for the Halabja attack. He was executed in December 2006.

The chemical air raid is thought to be the worst single attack of its kind against civilians. Graphic pictures taken after the attack showed bodies of men, women, children and animals lying in the streets where they inhaled the gas. The attack has left many of the survivors with long-term medical problems such as permanent blindness, skin burns, respiratory and digestive problems and cancer, said Farman Othman, a doctor in Suleimaniyah who has treated a number of patients.

The attacks were part of repeated attempts by Saddam's government to suppress the Kurds, who had long campaigned for autonomy from mainly Arab Iraq and staged a guerrilla war against Saddam's military. The Kurds had also allied with the Iranians during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

The Kurds have since the end of the Gulf War over Kuwait in 1991 enjoyed a large degree of autonomy under the protection of U.S.-led Western powers that enforced a no-fly zone over the Kurdish north of Iraq.

The court also convicted and sentenced other former officials to jail terms on Sunday for their roles in the Halabja attack.

Former Defense Minister Sultan Hashim al-Taie received 15 years in prison, as did Iraq's former director of military intelligence, Sabir Azizi al-Douri. Farhan Mutlaq al-Jubouri, a former top military intelligence official, was sentenced to 10 years.

Evidence against the defendants included witness accounts, official documents and films seized after the fall of Saddam's regime, and military correspondence among commanders. Al-Majid was previously sentenced to hang for his role in a brutal crackdown against the Kurds in the late 1980s known as the Anfal campaign, which killed hundreds of thousands of people. □

Billionaire Sebastian Pinera wins Chile presidency

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SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Billionaire Sebastian Pinera won Chile's presidential vote Sunday in the country's first democratic election of a right-wing ruler in 52 years.

Pinera earned 52 percent of the votes to 48 percent for the ruling coalition's candidate Eduardo Frei with 99 percent of the ballots counted, ending two decades of center-left rule since Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship.

Pinera—who ran on a platform of creating jobs and boosting economic growth in the world's top copper producer—thanked his opponents and called for unity. “We need not only a good government but a good opposition, working constructively to build a country for all of us,” he said as he shared a stage with Frei. Frei had warm words for both Pinera but earlier credited outgoing President Michelle Bachelet and the ruling

coalition for making Chile “much better than the country we received in 1990.”

Frei, who remains a senator, vowed to be “guardians of liberty and of all our social victories” while the right wing is in power.

Pinera led by a wide margin throughout the race, which tightened only after Frei and Bachelet repeatedly invoked the legacy of Pinochet, whose dictatorship was supported by the same parties that back Pinera.

But many leftists are disenchanted after two decades with the same politicians in power, and their efforts to raise fears of a retreat on human rights failed to persuade enough of them to turn out against Pinera, whose success in the voting booth is the first for Chile's right wing since Jorge Alessandri Rodriguez won the presidency in 1958.

Bachelet and Pinera also congratulated each other in a nationally televised telephone

call.

“The people have democratically elected you to be president of the republic, and I hope that Chile can continue on the path of justice and social progress that we have developed during these 20 years,” Bachelet told him.

Pinera responded by asking for her advice and help “to be able to continue many of the good things that have been done during your government, and of course to confront other challenges.”

Pinera focused his campaign on hopes for change, promising to create a million jobs and double Chile's per-capita annual income of \$12,000 by expanding growth to 6 percent a year. Frei and Pinera agreed on most issues—a reflection of the remarkable economic, social and political success that has given Bachelet nearly 80 percent approval ratings. Analysts predicted Pinera would make no radical moves to shake up this consensus.



The presidential candidate of the ruling coalition Eduardo Frei, right, embraces opposition candidate Sebastian Pinera, who won the runoff presidential election, in Santiago, Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010. Billionaire Sebastian Pinera won the election, ending two decades of center-left rule.

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The biggest change may be in foreign affairs.

Bachelet tried to defuse tensions with Chile's neighbors, putting Bolivia's long-held desire for access to the sea on their bilateral agenda and avoiding direct criticism of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

But Pinera, a friend of Colombia's conservative President Alvaro Uribe, has been more outspoken, criticizing populism as a failed approach and saying Venezuela “is not a democracy as it is.” He also vowed never to concede any of Chile's coast to Bolivia. □

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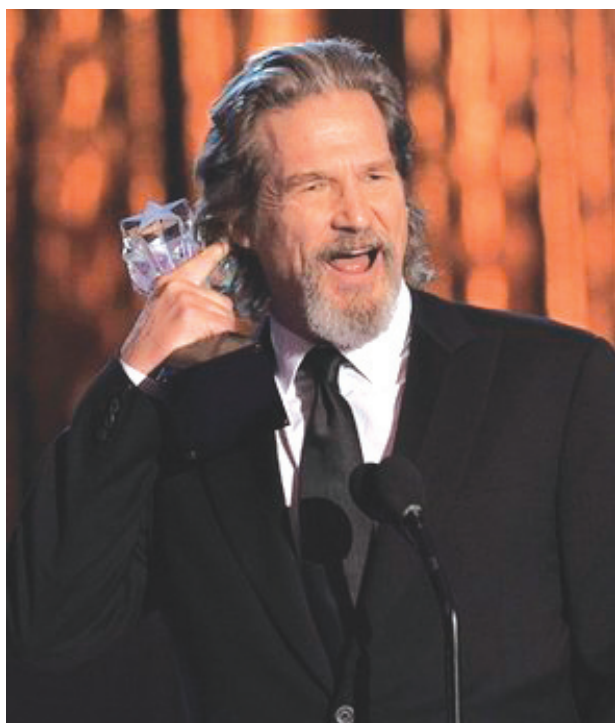
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Actor Jeff Bridges accepts the best actor award for 'Crazy Heart' at the 15th Annual Critics Choice Movie Awards on Friday, Jan. 15, 2010, in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

By **MIKE CIDONI**,

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — "The Hurt Locker" director Kathryn Bigelow is going hiking. "Precious" director Lee Daniels plans on meditating. And "Crazy Heart" actor Jeff Bridges will be happy just to know if he's coming or going as Hollywood prepped for the 67th Annual Golden Globes Awards. From screenings

Hollywood gets ready for Golden Globes

and fittings to gift suites and pre-parties, eager anticipation was everywhere this weekend in advance of Sunday night's big show. Here's a sampling:

A SPOT OF TEA: Nominees for Sunday night's Golden Globes made the rounds this weekend — to stylists and gift suites and to a number of major red-carpet events, including the 16th Annual Awards Season Tea Party, hosted by BAFTA-LA, the Los Angeles arm of the British Academy of Film & Television Arts.

The event, held at the Beverly Hills Hotel, attracted acting vets Jane Fonda, Joan Collins and current Globe nominee Helen Mirren ("The Last Station"). Relative newcomer Jeremy Renner was there, too — just hours after his Iraq-war drama's Best Picture win at Friday night's Critics' Choice Awards.

"It's tremendous," Renner said, when asked about dressing up for the weekend. "It's awesome. You get to wear fine clothes. Armani really hooks you up with some fine things. I've got Andrew Buckler on today, which looks great. I'm the same dude, just looking a little bit better."

Former Globe contender Maggie Gyllenhaal decided only recently to go to the Globes, in part to show support for her "Crazy Heart" costar Jeff Bridges, who is nominated for best Actor in a drama. "When I've been nominated, you get like 20 dresses and you try them all on and you do the whole thing," Gyllenhaal said. "I came out here actually for work, and only decided last minute, actually, to go to the

Globes. And I tried on one dress and that's the dress I'm wearing." "Up in the Air" nominee Anna Kendrick observed, "It's really strange when you're rolling up to something that's a special night, you feel like you should be able to kind of give your skin and your hair a break. And it's been kind of nonstop. I'm wearing makeup like all day everyday. I'm sort of waiting for the most disastrous breakout any moment."

As for her dress? "I think it's really special and I'm really happy with it," the diminutive Kendrick replied. "And my roommate basically said the magic words when I put it on. He said it made me look tall."

ALL ABOUT THE GLOBES: Sandwiched between Friday night's Broadcast Film Critics awards and Sunday night's Golden Globes was the 35th Annual Los Angeles Film Critics Association Awards on Saturday night.

Among the big LAFCA winners: "The Hurt Locker" and its Kathryn Bigelow for best picture and director, Jeff Bridges for best actor in "Crazy Heart," and Mo'Nique for best supporting actress.

But the talent talk on the carpet was all about the Globes, including Mo'Nique, a nominee for supporting actress for her work in "Precious."

Asked about her wardrobe plans for Sunday night's ceremony, Mo'Nique replied with a laugh, "It's really what you wear under the dress that makes the dress great." □

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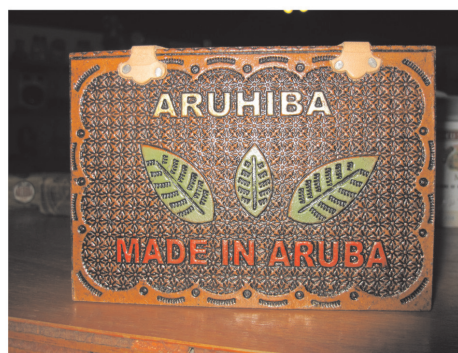
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Earnings growth takes center stage

By Caroline Valetkevitch

NEW YORK (Reuters)

— Profits from top U.S. technology companies like IBM (IBM.N) and financial companies like Goldman Sachs Group Inc (GS.N) this week could help stocks gain

as long as investors see room for more profit growth.

Stronger-than-expected results late Thursday from tech bellwether Intel Corp (INTC.O) failed to excite investors on Friday, while steep loan losses reported by JPMorgan Chase

& Co. (JPM.N) dragged down the market.

The benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index (.SPX) rose 23.5 percent last year, with information technology the top performing sector. It jumped 60 percent, raising questions about whether the sector may have become too expensive.

"It's all about how fast they can grow earnings to catch up to those valuations," said Jeff Kleintop, chief market strategist at LPL Financial in Boston.

"This is a business spending-led recovery rather than consumer recovery ... so I think earnings growth will remain above average and justify those valuations."

Fourth-quarter results are expected to show a sharp improvement compared with 2008's last quarter, when the economic downturn took a heavy toll on corporate profits.

S&P 500 earnings for the quarter are forecast up 186 percent versus a year ago, according to Thomson Reuters estimates. It would be the first quarter that S&P 500 company earnings grew year over year since the second quarter of 2007.

U.S. markets will be closed on Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but beginning on Tuesday, the earnings period accelerates, as some 57 S&P 500 companies are set to report this week.

International Business Machines Corp is scheduled to post results on Tuesday while Google Inc (GOOG.O) is expected on Thursday. Among financials, Goldman Sachs is expected on Thursday, while Bank of America (BAC.N) and Morgan Stanley (MS.N) should report on Wednesday.

STOCKS END DOWN FOR WEEK



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange January 8, 2010.

REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton

For the second week of the new year, the three major indexes lost ground. The Dow Jones industrial average (.DJI) was down 0.1 percent, while the S&P was down 0.8 percent and Nasdaq (.IXIC) was down 1.3 percent.

The S&P 500 is still up 68 percent since its early March lows, largely because of stronger-than-expected earnings and economic data.

On the economic front, data that could influence stocks this week includes reports on housing starts, producer prices and leading indicators.

Data on December housing starts, expected on Wednesday, is forecast to show 580,000 new units from 574,000 in November.

More than 70 percent of companies beat estimates in recent reporting periods, and investors are eager to see if the fourth-quarter will produce similar results. The last quarter of 2008 was the worst earnings period in the history of the index.

"I think we're going to get decent numbers relative to estimates," said Fred Dickson, a market strategist at D.A. Davidson & Co. in Lake Oswego, Oregon. "Valuations have gone up, but so have earnings."

Intel, which fell 3.2 percent to

\$20.80 on Friday, "had such a good run on the margin front that I think a lot of people are a little bit leery that there's going to be any further improvement in margins," said Owen Fitzpatrick, head of U.S. Equity Group, Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management. **FINANCIALS KEY TO MARKET**

IBM shares have risen almost 60 percent in the past year as the company cut costs and changed its business mix. Analysts expect the company to report fourth-quarter revenue of about \$27 billion, about even with a year earlier, and profit per share of \$3.47 versus \$3.27 a year earlier.

Financials, which were up 14.8 percent as an S&P sector last year, could benefit from gains in investment banking and other factors, Kleintop said.

"Financials still remain the sore spot in the market. If financials are going down, the whole market is going down," he said.

Financials, materials and consumer discretionary companies are expected to have the highest earnings growth for the fourth quarter, Thomson Reuters estimates showed. Energy and industrials are expected to have the lowest. □



Reports said that US food giant Kraft Foods will sweeten its takeover bid for British confectioner Cadbury this week.

(AFP/File/Leon Neal)

Reports: Kraft to sweeten its offer for Cadbury

By The Associated Press

Kraft Foods Inc. is expected to sweeten its offer for Cadbury PLC, in an effort to remain in the running as it faces a potential competing bid from Hershey Co. for the British candy maker, according to media reports.

The Sunday Times and The Observer in London said Sunday that Kraft is raising its offer to 820 pence per Cadbury share, or about \$13.33, from 771 pence. Cadbury shares closed Friday at 793.5 pence on the London Stock Exchange.

Kraft's earlier offer was valued at 10.3 billion pounds, or about \$16.5 billion, which Cadbury rejected as "derisory."

Kraft and Cadbury did not immediately return calls for comment.

The newspapers said Kraft plans to increase the cash portion of its cash-and-stock bid. Kraft's biggest shareholder, Berkshire Hathaway, managed by billionaire Warren Buffett, had warned against issuing more shares to boost the acquisition offer. Investors fret that Kraft's stock is undervalued and selling more shares would further diminish its value.

Under British takeover rules, Northfield, Ill.-based Kraft has until Tuesday to raise its bid.

Cadbury Chairman Roger Carr said last week that Hershey also had expressed an interest in bidding for Cadbury, but had not made a formal offer.

Carr said that Hershey of Hershey, Penn. and Cadbury have a natural affinity because they're both candy makers. Kraft is a diversified food company that sells products including cheese and pizzas and Kool-Aid. □

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Safina wins first match of Australian Open

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AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Dinara Safina had a 6-4, 6-4 win over Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia on Monday to start what she hopes will be another run to the Australian Open final.

The second-seeded Safina made 30 unforced errors and was erratic at times but had no serious problems handling No. 47-ranked Rybarikova in her first match at Melbourne Park since a lopsided loss to Serena Williams in last year's final.

"I'm really happy to be back," said Safina, whose brother Marat Safin won the 2005 Australian title. "People here, they love my brother, so thanks for giving me the same support you give my brother."



Dinara Safina of Russia returns the ball to Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia during their Women's singles first round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia Monday, Jan. 18, 2010.

It was the first completed match of the tournament, being held on one of the two covered courts. Matches on outside courts were delayed by 45 minutes due to rain, a change to the heat which usually confronts players at the first Grand Slam event of the season.

Maria Sharapova, who won the 2008 Australian Open but was unable to defend the title last year after surgery on her right shoulder, opened the program on Rod Laver Arena — the main court at Melbourne Park — against fellow Russian Maria Kirilenko.

Safina is only one tournament into a comeback from a

back injury which forced her out of the season-ending championship in October.

"It's still the beginning of the year and you're still trying to find yourself," she said. "She's a very tough player and I'm very happy that I won."

Kim Clijsters was due to play after Sharapova on Rod Laver Arena against Valerie Tetreault

of Canada.

Clijsters won the U.S. Open in September in only her third tournament back from time off after getting married and having a baby.

Justine Henin, a seven-time major winner, makes her Grand Slam comeback against fellow Belgian Kirsten Flipkens at

Hisense Arena, the other main covered show court.

Henin lost to Clijsters at the Brisbane International on Jan. 9, her first tournament since she quit while holding the No. 1 ranking in May 2008. It was Clijsters' U.S. Open title that inspired the 27-year-old Henin to come back.

Serena Williams has won three of the seven majors since Henin last played the Australian Open. Williams enters this tournament as defending champion and winner of the season-ending championship, but won't play until Tuesday in the top half of the draw.

U.S. Open winner Juan Martin del Potro, No. 5 Andy Murray and No. 7 Andy Roddick highlight the early men's action. Del Potro withdrew from an exhibition tournament at Kooyong last week because of an injured wrist, but his agent said he's expected to be fine for the Australian Open. Nadal, who beat Roger Federer in five sets in the final last year to win his first major on hard courts, will start the night session on Rod Laver Arena against Australian Peter Luczak. □



Ryan Palmer tees off on the 17th hole during the third round at the Sony Open golf tournament, Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 in Honolulu.

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

HONOLULU — Ryan Palmer went from anxious to

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overwhelmed in the 50 feet his chip shot traveled on the final hole until it struck the pin and settled inches away, leading to

Palmer's birdie gives him Sony title

a one-shot victory Sunday in the Sony Open.

Palmer, locked in a duel with Robert Allenby to the very end at Waialae, came up short of the green on the par-5 18th and faced a delicate chip. Allenby went over the green and pitched to just inside 10 feet.

Palmer thought his chip was a smidgen too hard, and he tumbled backward in relief when the ball struck the pin squarely. Allenby missed his birdie putt, and Palmer tapped in for a 4-under 66 and his third career PGA Tour victory.

"Lucky bounce," Palmer said.

"It was probably going to go by 7 or 8 feet. I still hit a good chip. You need things like that to win."

The victory gave made the 33-year-old Texan exempt on the PGA Tour through 2012, and earned him a trip back to the Masters for the first time in five years.

Allenby was trying to win his third consecutive tournament on three tours, a feat believed to have never been accomplished, and he gave himself every chance. He played bogey-free on the back nine, but he needed one more

birdie. His second shot out of the rough on the 18th came out hot and over the green, and he did well to give himself a realistic chance at birdie and a playoff.

Allenby, who won the Nedbank Challenge on the Sunshine Tour and the Australian PGA Championship on the Australasian PGA Tour at the end of last year, closed with a 67.

Palmer finished at 15-under 265 and earned \$990,000. Steve Stricker, who also shared the lead briefly on the back nine, had a 65 to finish third, two strokes back. □

Sanchez, Greene lead Jets to shocker over Chargers

By BERNIE WILSON,

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Maybe Rex Ryan already knows the score of the AFC championship game, too.

The rookie coach who, at one point, didn't know his Jets were still in playoff contention, then declared them Super Bowl favorites, will need some more bold predictions.

His Jets are still playing.

Rookies Mark Sanchez and Shonn Greene led New York to a stunning 17-14 upset of San Diego in the divisional playoffs Sunday, each providing a touchdown in the fourth quarter that marked another Chargers postseason pratfall. "It's a big win for our franchise," Sanchez said, "and we're not done."

Sanchez threw a go-ahead, 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Dustin Keller three plays into the fourth quarter, then Greene gave the Jets some breathing room with a 53-yard scoring run on their next possession.

The upstart Jets (11-7), who have won seven of their last eight, advanced to the AFC championship game for the first time since 1999. They'll play at top-seeded Indianapolis next Sunday.

"A matchup that probably nobody wanted, but too bad," Ryan said. "Here we come!" Of course, it was the Colts who pulled Peyton Manning and other starters in the second half of their Week 16 game against the Jets, who rallied for a victory that put them in control of their playoff destiny.

Before that game, Ryan said his holiday wish was for the Colts to rest Manning & Co. "I don't know if Santa Claus will be that good to me again," Ryan said. "But I will say that I'd like to see Peyton Manning play this week."

After the Jets finally did clinch a playoff spot by routing Cincinnati the following week, Ryan, their rookie head coach, created a postseason itinerary for his players that included the Super Bowl in Miami followed by a parade two days later.

He might be onto something.



New York Jets running back Shonn Greene (23) runs for a touchdown against the San Diego Chargers in the fourth quarter of an NFL divisional playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, in San Diego.

Maybe this week he'll predict the Jets' opponent in the Super Bowl.

"We believed the whole time, the whole year, when it probably wasn't the popular choice," Ryan said. "We don't have to apologize to anyone." The Chargers let New York hang around long enough, and the Jets finally got out of their own way, becoming the only road team to win in the divisional round.

After Philip Rivers scored on a 1-yard sneak with 2:14 left to pull the Chargers within three, the Jets recovered the onside kick.

Facing a fourth-and-1 from the 29 with 1:09 left, the Jets called timeout. Ryan decided to go for it and Thomas Jones bulled through the Chargers'

line for 2 yards.

Sanchez pumped his fist and pointed his hand forward in the first-down signal.

On the sideline, Ryan lifted much smaller offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer off the ground in a bear hug.

The Chargers (13-4) not only saw their 11-game winning streak end, but suffered yet another playoff meltdown after earning the AFC's No. 2 seed.

"You'd like to play your best games in January in games like this, and certainly, for whatever reason, we did not do that today," Chargers coach Norv Turner said.

Sanchez, playing in his native Southern California, went from looking like the rookie that he

is to a guy who has now has two straight playoff wins on the road. He was intercepted by Quentin Jammer midway through the third quarter, but the Jets got the ball back on an interception when the ball ricocheted off Vincent Jackson and into the hands of cornerback Darrelle Revis as both were sprawled on the ground.

The Jets weren't able to capitalize on that pickoff, but Rivers' second interception was costly. On second-and-9 from his 5, Rivers underthrew Antonio Gates, who hadn't even turned around, with safety Jim Leonhard intercepting and returning it to the 16.

On third down, Sanchez rolled right and threw to Keller, who shed linebacker Tim Dobbins

in the back corner of the end zone and made a sprawling 2-yard catch that put the Jets ahead 10-7.

Sanchez and the rest of the Jets ran over to congratulate Keller, then the rookie QB kept running to the bench, stopping once to celebrate with a teammate.

The Jets turned to their top-ranked running game on their next drive, and Greene, a third-round pick from Iowa, broke his long scoring run up the middle, running over safety Eric Weddle in the process.

"Once I got to the secondary, I had one tackle to break and I did, and it was off to the end zone," Greene said. "A lot of people didn't know about me, but they know about the Jets."

Greene rushed for 135 yards and a TD in last week's playoff win against Cincinnati.

San Diego's All-Pro kicker Nate Kaeding missed three field goals. He was wide left from 36 yards on San Diego's second possession and was short from 57 yards as the first-half clock expired. With the Chargers trailing by 10 with 4:38 to go, he was wide right from 40.

Ryan pumped his fist and smiled after Kaeding's third miss.

The last time these teams met in the playoffs, after the 2004 season, the rookie Kaeding was wide right from 40 yards on a wet field in overtime. The Jets moved down the field and won it 20-17 on Doug Brien's 28-yard field goal. □

NFL defensive end Gaines Adams dies at 26

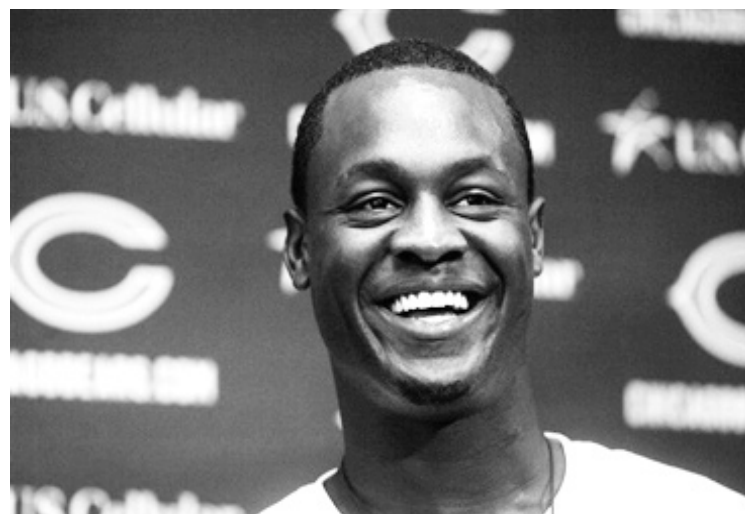
GREENWOOD, S.C. — Gaines Adams, an All-American defensive end at Clemson whose career never blossomed in the NFL with Chicago and Tampa Bay, died Sunday after going into cardiac arrest. He was 26.

He died at Self Regional Hospital after going into cardiac arrest about an hour before at his family's home in Greenwood, said Marcia Kelley-Clark, chief deputy coroner for Greenwood County.

An autopsy showed an enlarged heart, a condition that can often lead to a heart attack, Kelley-Clark added. She said relatives were unaware of any medical condition.

Toxicology tests are being run by the State Law Enforcement Division, though drug use is not suspected. The results probably will not be available for at least two months, Kelley-Clark said.

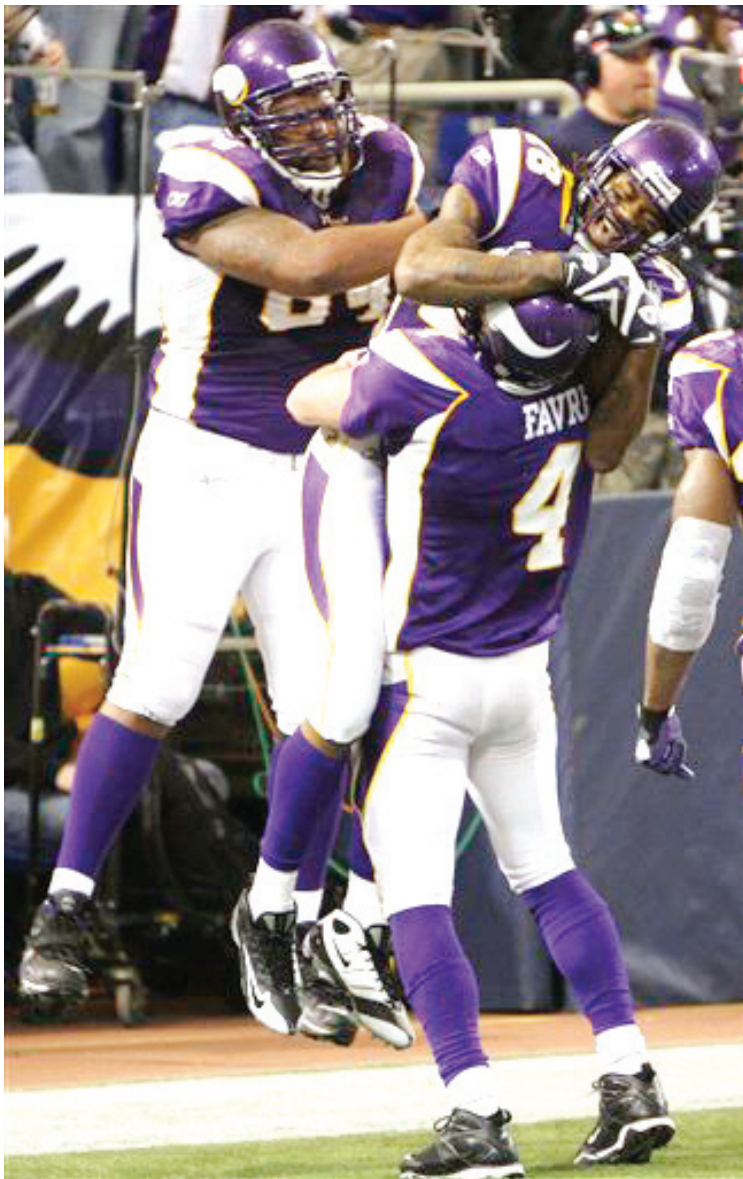
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In this Oct. 19, 2009 file photo, the Chicago Bears introduce Gaines Adams reacts during a news conference at Halas Hall in Lake Forest, Ill. Adams, a defensive lineman for the Bears who was an all-American at Clemson, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, in South Carolina, the Bears said. He was 26.

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Saints offense, Vikes' defense on collision course



Minnesota Vikings' Brett Favre (4) celebrates with Sidney Rice and Anthony Herrera (64) after a 45-yard touchdown pass during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press Vikings' defense dominated The Saints' offense and in the divisional playoffs to

set up a tantalizing matchup in the NFC championship game.

New Orleans' defense and Minnesota's offense didn't look too bad, either. Maybe these teams will give fans a more competitive affair than the first three games of this weekend, when the conferences' top clubs reminded everybody why they ruled all year before late-season skids.

Brett Favre is headed to New Orleans to try to return to the Super Bowl at age 40, 12 years after his last appearance. Two downtrodden fan bases will watch as the top-seeded Saints host the NFC title game for the first time, less than five years after Hurricane Katrina decimated New Orleans. Minnesota hasn't gone to the Super Bowl since 1977; New Orleans has never been.

The Vikings routed the Dallas Cowboys 34-3 on Sunday to set up the NFC championship

showdown. Favre threw four touchdown passes, while the defense sacked Tony Romo six times and forced him into three turnovers.

"To win the way that we did doesn't mean anything going into next week," Favre said. A day earlier, the Saints trounced the Arizona Cardinals 45-14. Drew Brees threw three touchdown passes and Reggie Bush scored on an 83-yard punt return and a spectacular 46-yard run.

The Jets upset the second-seeded Chargers 17-14 on Sunday to fill out the last spot in the NFL's final four. New York goes back to Indianapolis, where the top-seeded Colts showed no signs of rust in beating Baltimore 20-3 on Saturday to reach the AFC title game.

The Jets handed the Colts their first loss of the season, 29-15, on Dec. 27 in Indianapolis. Of course, the Colts had already clinched

home-field advantage by then, and coach Jim Caldwell pulled Peyton Manning and other starters early in the second half before New York rallied.

"A matchup that probably nobody wanted, but too bad," Jets coach Rex Ryan said. "Here we come!"

Rookie quarterback Mark Sanchez threw a go-ahead, 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Dustin Keller three plays into the fourth quarter Sunday, then Shonn Greene gave the Jets breathing room with a 53-yard scoring run on their next possession.

The upstart Jets (11-7), who have won seven of their last eight, advanced to the AFC championship game for the first time since 1999.

The Chargers (13-4) not only saw their 11-game winning streak end, but endured yet another playoff meltdown after earning the AFC's No. 2 seed. □

ADAMS

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Adams, 6-foot-5 and 258 pounds, spent three seasons in the NFL, two with the Buccaneers and part of this season with the Bears.

"He was a true team player and a positive influence to everyone he met," Buccaneers coach Raheem Morris said.

Adams was selected fourth overall in the 2007 draft by Tampa Bay. He had not been able to live up to expectations that he would revive the Buccaneers' once-feared pass rush, and had just 17 tackles and one sack in 15 games — 10 with Chicago — this season. He was traded to the Bears in October for a second-round pick in the 2010 draft.

"Gaines was a quiet, humble kid and is far too young to be gone," Buccaneers cornerback Ronde Barber said. "He had so much potential that had yet to be achieved."

Buccaneers defensive tackle Chris Hovan said he took Gaines under his wing when he came to Tampa Bay.

"I considered him my little brother and that's how I will always remember him," he said.

"This is all so unreal and it hasn't really hit me yet."

"Monday Night Football" analyst Jon Gruden drafted Adams in 2007 while

coaching the Buccaneers. He called him a "great teammate" with a "tremendous future."

Morris said at the start of training camp that Adams would be considered a "bust" if he didn't reach double digits in sacks. Adams fell short of the benchmark, although he welcomed the challenge.

"In football you need that," Adams said in August. "Players tend to get in their own element and do things that they want to do. They need to be called out sometimes. He's the coach. Whatever he says goes."

Morris criticized Adams after lackluster performances in the first three games. With the Bears, Adams played brief stints on defense. He made five tackles.

Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher told the Chicago Tribune he didn't know Adams well because he arrived during the season. "But I did know him," he said. "I still saw him every day when I went into work. It's just weird."

Clemson fans recall Adams' performance in a 2006 victory over Wake Forest in which he broke up a field goal try and returned it for a touchdown.

Tommy Bowden, Adams' coach at Clemson, was jolted by news of his death.

"I just couldn't believe it was Gaines," he said. "I will always remember the smile he had on his face and I will always remember his patience." □



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Federer and Co. stage fundraiser for Haiti victims

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Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Roger Federer played the role of master of ceremonies. Andy Roddick doubled as a standup comic. Serena Williams was laughing all the way.

The fundraiser for earthquake victims on Sunday — a brainchild of Federer and dubbed “Hit for Haiti” — came on the eve of the Australian Open and raised more than \$185,000, an amount that organizers expected would increase.

Federer, who has a record 15 Grand Slam titles, teamed with Williams, the reigning Australian Open champion, and Australia’s Lleyton Hewitt and Samantha Stosur. Their opponents were 2009 winner Rafael Nadal, 2008 winner Novak Djokovic, Roddick and U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters.

The players wore microphones on the court, adding to the entertainment of a mixed-doubles match featuring player substitutions. They provided commentary as they lunged, lobbed and smashed. There was the eloquent and debonair Federer, the MC for the match he conceived and helped organize a day earlier. There was the good-natured Clijsters cracking jokes, the playful Nadal with his sideways grin and the wisecracking Roddick.

To the delight of the crowd, Roddick mocked Williams’



Roger Federer of Switzerland, left, Novak Djokovic of Serbia and Rafael Nadal of Spain react during an exhibition tennis match in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday Jan. 17, 2010. A series of exhibition games were set up by Federer ahead of the Australian Open to raise funds for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. The world number one has recruited a number of stars, including Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams, to play doubles matches on Sunday at Melbourne Park.

infamous meltdown at the U.S. Open, when a line judge called her for a foot fault during a crucial point in her semifinal loss to Clijsters.

“Did you really call a foot fault on me in a charity match?” Roddick reprimanded a line judge. “You realize Serena’s over there, right?” The camera panned to Williams sitting on the sidelines shaking her head and laughing, as the packed 15,000-seat stadium roared in laughter. Williams has been touchy on that subject since her arrival in Australia last week — the profanity-laced, finger-pointing tirade cost her a record fine of \$82,500.

Federer tried three times to show off the shot from his U.S. Open victory against Djokovic that he has described as the

greatest of his life: a between-the-legs, back-to-the-net winner from the baseline. On Sunday, it worked once and hit the net twice.

Djokovic displayed his powerful serve, aching Williams on one point and prompting her to comment: “You look really good aching girls.”

Later, Nadal smashed a winner at Williams’ feet, evoking a piercing shriek from the No. 1 women’s player.

“Don’t scare me like that Rafa,” she said, drawing support from teammate Federer who assured her, “I’ll get him back.”

At one game break, Clijsters massaged Nadal’s sore thigh. She did not interact with ex-fiance Hewitt — both are now married with children.

Team 7-6 in their one-set match that lasted an hour and a half. The teams were named for the colors of Haiti’s flag.

“It was a fun afternoon for all of us. But most important is that we can help Haiti,” Federer told the center court crowd after the match.

Some players made separate contributions, organizers said, including 2008 Australian Open winner Maria Sharapova (\$10,000), American John Isner (\$5,000) — after he won the Auckland tournament — and Marcos Baghdatis (\$5,000) — after he won in Sydney. Seats cost about \$9.25 — a fraction of the normal price for a Grand Slam match — and fans lined up from early morning, waiting hours to get tickets for the afternoon exhibition. □

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In the end, Federer’s so-called Red Team beat the rival Blue

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NHL Roundup

Ovechkin finally makes penalty shot; Caps win 5-3



Washington Capitals center Brooks Laich (21) scores a goal past Philadelphia Flyers goalie Ray Emery (29) during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, in Washington. The Capitals won 5-3.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Brooks Laich scored twice, including a short-handed goal in the third period, Alex Ovechkin finally made a penalty shot, and the Washington Capitals kept up their four-goals-or-more pace Sunday with a 5-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers.

The league's highest scoring team scored at least four goals for the seventh straight game, improving to 6-1 during that stretch. Mike Knuble and Alexander Semin also scored, and two-time reigning league MVP Ovechkin capped Washington's scoring with 4:12 to play — at last converting a penalty shot after going 0-for-5 to start his career.

Jose Theodore made 30 saves to go 2-for-2 in his first set of consecutive starts since mid-December.

Jeff Carter, James van Riemsdyk and Danny Briere scored for the Flyers.

Blackhawks 4, Red Wings 3, SO

DETROIT (AP) — Jonathan Toews, Marian Hossa and Patrick Sharp scored in the shootout to lead Chicago. Troy Brouwer had a goal and an assist, Patrick Kane and Sharp also had goals, and Antti Niemi stopped 35 shots.

Nicklas Lidstrom and Henrik Zetterberg had a goal and an assist, and Patrick Eaves also scored for Detroit. Pavel Datsyuk had two assists and Jimmy Howard made 26 saves.

Lidstrom's goal was the Red Wings' first against the Blackhawks in 148:36, dating to Oct. 8. Chicago shut out Detroit by 3-0 scores on Dec. 20 and Dec. 23.

Datsyuk and Todd Bertuzzi scored for Detroit in the shootout.




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Aruba welcomes the Inter American Press Association Midyear Meeting in March

ORANJESTAD - Julio Munoz, CEO of IAPA, the western hemisphere's oldest press advocacy group, met with local media on Thursday, January 14 to announce that for the first time, IAPA will conduct their annual Midyear Meeting on Aruba from March 19 through 22. By their own description IAPA "systematically carries out a wide range of activities to serve its mission of defending and advocating press freedom." The IAPA Committee on

Aruba goes to Haiti

Special Report from the Red Cross Aruba



ORANJESTAD - This report written by Greg Peterson, outlines a very swift and well coordinated humanitarian action between Red Cross Aruba, the Dutch Marines, the Government of Aruba, Horacio Oduber hospital of Aruba, members of the business community and the Ports Authority of Aruba.

The Dutch Marine ship Hr. Ms. Pelikaan was dispatched to Haiti on a humanitarian aid mission. After departing from Curacao, the ship entered Aruba's harbor to collect equipment and marines, 77 men in total, to then head for Port Au Prince, Haiti.

Seeing that there was still some space available on board for transportation, the Dutch Marines contacted the Red Cross of Aruba and offered them the possibility to transport relief material to Haiti.

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Freedom of the Press and Information is the cornerstone of the non-profit organization, continually monitoring violations within the U.S., Canada, Latin and Central America and the Caribbean. IAPA has two autonomous affiliates, the IAPA Press Institute, offering Latin American members advice on technical publishing matters, and the IAPA Scholarship Fund, which provides funds for educational activities.

IAPA, which was established in 1942, boasts a membership of 1,380 publications and over 2, 500 journalists, editors and organizations.

Mr. Munoz stated that judging by previous attendance of the Midyear Meeting, Aruba can expect close to 300 delegates attending the conference consisting of editors and

journalists from some of the most prestigious publications in the western world.

Seminars planned for the three-day conference include "E-commerce and its Relationship with the News Media of Latin American", "The Online Journalism Platform", "New Multimedia Formats in Latin America", "Various Experiences in Latin American Newspaper Integration", "How to Take Advantage of Social Networks to do Relevant Journalism", and "Successful Cases of Free Newspapers".

Due to Aruba's close proximity to Latin America, it is expected that media from this region will be a strong presence, as freedom of the press is a topic of great concern, particularly in Aruba's closest neighbor, Venezuela. Mr. Munoz cited

IAPA's continuing efforts to bring the Venezuelan government into the dialogue, including conducting the Midyear Meeting in Caracas in the recent past, and extending a special invitation to their government leaders in communications to this year's Aruban conference.

The conference's host committee has also scheduled several diversions for the delegates and their families, offering them unique activities that best showcase Aruba's distinct amenities. Those attending can enjoy Yoga and Tai Chi sessions on the beach, shopping tours, an art workshop with local MANA Foundation and a visit to the island's recently opened Archeological Museum in Oranjestad. The Westin Resort in Palm Beach will be the host hotel for the conference.

Members of the news media of the Lesser Antilles, which includes Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, are invited to attend as delegates. Those among local media new to the organization are offered a special first-time registration fee which includes a one-year membership.

More information regarding IAPA, their mission statement and activities, including the upcoming conference, can be found at their website: www.sipiapa.org.

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Golden anniversary of a pioneer of Aruba's wedding destination industry...

Karen and Aaron Lutzker renew their vows on Eagle Beach



EAGLE BEACH - Saturday, January 16, fifty years to the day after first being joined as husband and wife, Karen and Aaron Lutzker of Far Rockaway, New York, renewed their vows on Eagle Beach. The sunset ceremony was attended by island friends and colleagues involved in the wedding

destination industry, as Karen was a vanguard of this tourism niche two decades ago.

Karen and Aaron Lutzker first began vacationing on Aruba in 1977, staying at the Divi Resort. "I was convinced Aruba was the most perfect place to be married," recalls Karen, "and I arranged my first beach

wedding in 1990. It was very casual, down by the Casa Del Mar.

The bride wore a white bathing suit. After the ceremony she, the groom and all those attending jumped from the rocks into the sea!"

This impromptu affair led to the founding of Cayena Weddings three years later, and Karen became the island's first wedding planner, working out of New York. Aruba's marketing pundits had not yet tapped into this market for destination weddings, so Karen's work entailed spiritual ceremonies and renewal of vows, usually on the beach. Eventually, civil laws were changed, and many couples from around the globe are now legally wed in Aruba's picturesque Town Hall in Oranjestad.

Nearly ten years ago, Karen began working with islander Edwina Werleman, a local wedding and event planner, and they became the "Dynamic Duo," arranging memorable nuptials for countless clients. For Edwina, Saturday's tasteful golden anniversary ceremony was a labor of love, as it was for Reverend Bob Gibson, who conducted the ceremony. Robert Arends insisted on donating his services as wedding photographer, and Diane Keyjzer, one of Aruba's most



respected photographers, who has worked with Karen on several occasions, attended as a guest with her husband Kees, unable to resist snapping away from the sidelines.

Karen first met Aaron while a senior in high school and he was in college. They were both applying for the same part-time job in a grocery store; she got the job, and he was smitten, returning often on any excuse to do his shopping. Karen was quite taken with the handsome and incredibly bright young man (though only a few months apart in age, Aaron had been moved ahead twice during his school career and was a very young college student.) Their story is a life-long love affair, which for more than 30 years has included Aruba and their

devotion to the island. Acting as a witness to sign the certificate was Pat Donovan, Marketing Director of the Westin Resort, which has also been their hotel of choice for more than a decade. When asked by Reverend Gibson to recite their own personal vows, Aaron described the all-encompassing love he felt for his wife and his gratitude for her presence in his life; Karen could only respond with a single word: "Ditto."

Karen's enthusiasm for Aruba as a wedding destination helped forge an industry that presently results in thousands of wedding ceremonies and renewal of vows annually; with this tender and loving golden anniversary ceremony the Lutzkers proved they practice what they preach! □



First group of evacuees, including six adoption children from Haiti, arrive back in the Netherlands

EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS — The first group of evacuees from earthquake-ravaged Haiti arrived in the Netherlands on Sunday, officials said. Six adoption children from Haiti and five Dutch adults arrived at the military airport in Eindhoven around 2 p.m. local time. The group arrived in a Royal Netherlands Air Force plane, the KDC10 Jan Scheffer,

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RESULTS THURSDAY, 7 JANUARY 2010

A total of 14 pairs attended the morning bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort. The following guest players attended: Gloria Manna, Fay and Carl Kallina, Janice and Jan Smink, Valerie Craane and partner, Maxine Lusk, Elsa Lampe and Pete Otterman. The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1) Kathlyn Yarzagaray / Pete Otterman 69.10 %
- 2) George Manning / van der Horst 61.81 %
- 3) Gloria Manna / Carl Kallina 59.38 %
- 4) Margreet Kuiperdal / Ghislaine Mendes 58.33 %
- 5) Joke Henriquez / Annette Ybeles 55.56 %
- 6) Els Lacle / Ineke Jobse 52.43 %
- 7) Willy Flanegin / Maritza van Romondt 52.08 %

RESULTS FRIDAY, 8 JANUARY 2010

The New Year's Tournament at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort attracted 17 pairs.

The following guest players joined: Fay and Carl Kallina, Judy and

Joel Handelman, Maxine Lusk, Janice and Jan Smink, Gloria Manna, Valery Craane and partner.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1) Kathlyn Yarzagaray / Iola Tjin-Tham-Sjin 58.33 %
Willy Flanegin / Joke Henriquez 58.33 %
- 2) Annette Ybeles / Maritza van Romondt 57.74 %
Gloria Manna / Carl Kallina 57.74 %
- 3) Janice and Jan Smink

57.14 %
4) Addy Eilers / Willem Jacobusse 54.46 %
5) Sheila Lampe / Edith Henriquez 53.87 %
6) Ineke Jobse / Toos Nierop 52.08 %
7) Nelly Aal / Gerry Meenhorst 50.71 %
Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers : tel. 582-4953



and were welcomed by a child adoption organization called Wereldkinderen (Worldchildren), a medical team of Mondial International, the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Among the five Dutch adults is one mother of one of the adoption children. The other four adults were in Haiti for other reasons when the earthquake struck. The parents of the other five

adoption children hugged their children after they arrived back home.

The KDC10 Jan Scheffer is the largest transportation plane of the Dutch Air Force and left last Thursday carrying the first aid and rescue teams from the

Netherlands. The plane was initially diverted to Curacao because the airport in Haiti was not able to handle all incoming planes.

One severely injured adoption child and three Dutch adults will remain on Curacao for the time-being

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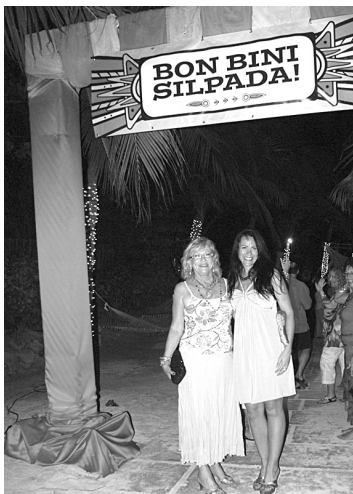
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ORANJESTAD -- Silpada Designs Canada, specializing in fine Sterling jewelry, booked a five day incentive trip to Aruba, visiting the island and the Renaissance Aruba Resort the 3rd time in a row, since

2007. The VIP group members enjoyed a full schedule of island activities, and a Carnival themed Farewell Banquet on Renaissance Private Island. The group took over the island in its entirety, savoring an interactive dinner buffet



served at the edge of the water, with Edrien Arends, Director of Event Management, as the leader of the organizational team.

As the premier direct seller of unique, handcrafted sterling silver jewelry in the United States, Silpada Designs has been helping women look good and feel good since 1997. Originating in 1991, company co-founders Bonnie Kelly and Teresa Walsh started with \$25 each, a love of jewelry and a dream. Six years, and hundreds of successful jewelry home shows later, Bonnie and Teresa decided to share the opportunity with others and officially launched "Silpada Designs".

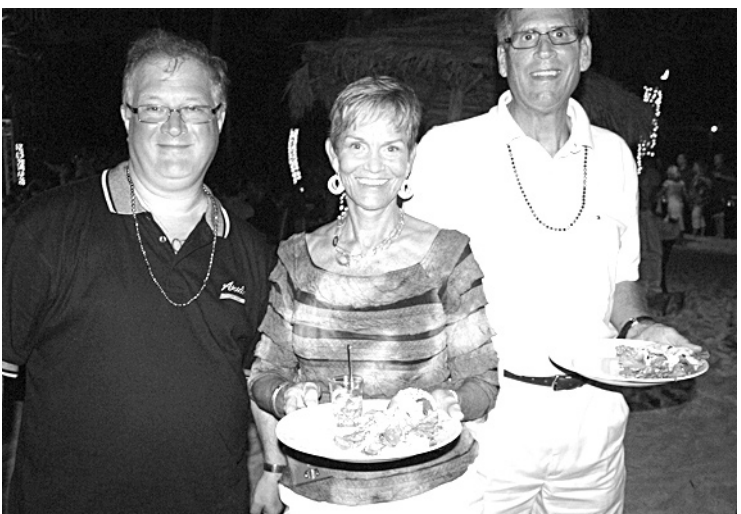
Today, Silpada Designs is one of the fastest growing direct selling companies in the United States with more than 30,000 independent representatives chasing their dreams.

In 2008, Silpada Designs began offering the same life-



changing Silpada business opportunity to women in Canada. Just 2 years later there are 3100 Silpada representatives in Canada. The visit to Aruba is Silpada's second national conference for Canada, the second time all of the company Canadian representatives have been invited to come together for training, networking,

jewelry showing and an Awards Ceremony, and the first incentive trip to Aruba. The representatives on this trip comprise top achievers. They have been working for the past year to earn this all-expense-paid vacation, and most of them traveled with their spouses. Pictured here the evening on Renaissance island. □



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Ancient Techniques In The Modern World

Here we are, Humans in Physical Bodies. How do we transcend the physical when it is all we know? The ancient texts were written in a different time, when physical matter was a lot less dense than it is now. Thought and stillness might have worked when physical matter was more malleable, but in the solid concrete-like form we know today, the effects of non-action are minimal.

physical world that now has the density of concrete? While we're racing around trying to keep our lives in order, stillness and meditation are not even on our long list of things that have to get done. We need to learn to meditate while in action. We will learn to remain still inside while we are physically rushing around taking care of our daily lives.

and the result of our effort is meaningless. The energy with which you approach your life determines not the physical outcome, but the energetic outcome of your daily actions. Your attitude creates the energetic foundation for your Life.

If you have a bad attitude, recognize it, release it and replace it with joy and gratitude. It sounds fluffy, but this is a powerful technique. I go into more detail in other articles. You will learn to do this in an effortless instant as you reclaim conscious power over your own life. When you're grateful for your Life, everything transforms and you become empowered to make the changes you want. Gratitude transforms you from the energy of lack into the energy of abundance.

When we let go of anger and embrace gratitude, we practice focusing our mind throughout the course of the day. The feeling might come and go at first, with only a few fleeting sensations of gratitude penetrating through the anger. Write,

"I Love My Life" on post-it notes to remind you. Repeat it in your head all day long. Sooner or later you will start to believe it. Then you will learn to effortlessly release your anger and fear while instantly replacing it with gratitude and joy. This is one way to teach yourself to meditate throughout the course of the day, because it focuses our mind no matter what is going on around us.

Quiet meditation is a powerful method of self-transformation and self-discovery, but it's not always the most practical path to enlightenment in today's society. Life doesn't always grant us the luxury of Stillness, but we can be grateful in every moment of our lives, no matter what task we're involved in.

Learn to consciously change your outlook. The way you see things is up to you, and your attitude is all that matters. Change the automatic judgments that don't serve your enlightenment. Release your negative feelings

and replace them with gratitude.

Until Tomorrow...


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~**Quentin Danziger**


Quentin has over 20 years experience balancing what we refer to as the Real World, with science and spirit. He has held positions of responsibility and authority, received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics from Colorado School of Mines, and has also studied many avenues of alternative thought.

HumanHints is the culmination of his knowledge, experience and practice. These free daily emails detail concrete, real-world techniques to consciously create any future you choose, while in the throes of daily life created by outdated modes of thought.

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The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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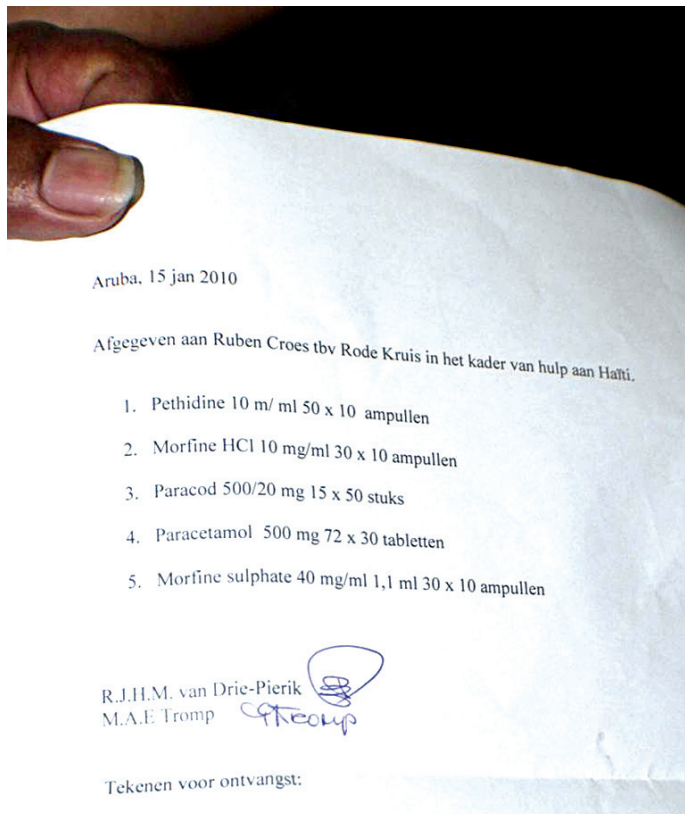
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Aruba goes to Haiti



community and the port authority soliciting their support.

Several businesses managed to find their employees at night and convince them to help with this effort. The businessmen encountered extra challenges, they would have to transport the goods to the harbor themselves as well -- talking about asking too much sometimes.... But miracles do happen!

More than 30 pallets of water, juices, packaged foods, flashlights and batteries, medical equipment and very valuable medication including morphine and paracod, were delivered to the harbor on time and loaded aboard the Marine ship, and all of that in a couple of hours, working through the night.

A complete pictorial of the loading of Hr Ms Pelikaan is hereby enclosed, it clearly gives the impression of this swift 'together we can' action. Not everyone who helped is in the pictures, but the Red Cross sends gratitude and it goes out to these unknown volunteers! The images show the Red Cross Aruba volunteers on board of the Marine ship; Eddy de Veer, co-owner of Tropical Bottling Company, a subsidiary of METACorp, whose company donated 50.000 florins the day before to the Red Cross for Haiti, was in Curacao when he was reached, and he directed his humanitarian gesture from a distance and made 5 pallets of AWA water available and then convinced Viking Freight Services, Stephen Daal and crew to have them delivered at the harbor platform; Gerardo Oduber and his crew from Oduber Agencies, his brother Eddie and an entire crew from their warehouse managed to prepare and transport no less than 20 pallets of material in 4 trucks;

The young man driving the forklift deserves extra credit. He worked for Oduber Agencies all night moving not only the materials donated to the Red Cross, but also assisting the Marines in moving their equipment as well as the forklift itself, which was borrowed, from another company; Arnoud Boesten director of Aruba's hospital and Bob



Harms, his communications chief, arrive at the harbor with 3 pallets of medical material and medication; The Red Cross volunteers assisted the hospital crew unloading their humanitarian donation; Ruben Croes from Aruba's hospital -- also a volunteer at SARFA, Search and Rescue Foundation Aruba -- delivered very special restricted pain medications donated, which had to be accounted for and handed over to a special Marine on the ship; Loaded into the cargo hull, a great number of stretchers, donated by Red Cross Aruba; Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman, made a surprise visit to the harbor at 3:30 a.m., encouraging the volunteers. He was accompanied by the First Lady, Doina Eman, and 2 more ministers, Visser & Winklaar, also the secretary of the Council of Ministers, Nicole Hoevertsz. Dr. Richard Visser, the Minister of Health, played a very special role in this action in convincing Oduber Agencies to participate. During his surprise visit at the harbor, he also brought along more pallets of water, juices and medical equipment, donated by Visser Trading; Donations packed into trucks, were stored on board Pelikaan, in the trucks, which will be used for transport in Haiti; During the visit, Director of Red Cross Aruba, Michell La Haye, escorted the first lady, Doina Eman and Michelle Winklaar, the Minister of Economic



and Social Affairs, for a tour aboard Pelikaan where the Dutch Marines were working under pressure to load everything in time, including the deployed, fully geared Marines. The report compiled by the President of Red Cross Aruba -- Greg Peterson, also an amateur photographer demonstrates that together we can. Peterson thanked all those who have made

this humanitarian gesture possible, and motivated all Red Cross volunteers worldwide to keep up their great work, and to encourage one and all here in Aruba to donate their funds to the "HELP HAITI RED CROSS" fund drive organized by Red Cross Aruba to assist in the relief of those suffering in Haiti. You can help make a difference, too, he says!



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However, this offer entailed one very particular challenge. Red Cross Aruba received the offer early Friday evening, January 15, 2010, with the notification that the ship would be departing the next

morning, Saturday, January 16, at 5 a.m. A little bit of a mission-impossible since government offices and businesses were already closed for the weekend. The Red Cross sent out communiqués to Ministers, the hospital, the business



The French Steakhouse delivers dining under the stars



Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa just added another charming dining option, a tropical outdoor courtyard, featuring delicious cuisine under the stars.

The famed French Steakhouse prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons in the fully air-conditioned dining room. Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the

intimate, lovely setting.

The French Steakhouse Ooh-La-La menu is now served indoor and alfresco, featuring creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry and the Pièce de Résistance South American & USDA Beef specialties.

Among popular appetizers the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple & mango salsa and the Teriyaki Glazed Seared Duck Breast, served with garden greens and balsamic dressing, are real crowd pleasers.

True to the restaurant's French roots, the Onion Soup

is a classic, while the Honey Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

The menu features a great variety of seafood dishes from fresh fish to the totally sinful and amazingly-decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!



The French Steakhouse is naturally famous for the South American Churrasco steak, a signature preparation, which now shares the stage with juicy USDA beef specialties such as NY Sirloin and Filet Mignon.

Light-eaters will find the Jerk Chicken Skewers and the Lemon Herb Broilers very satisfying.

Open seven days a week from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. the French Steakhouse is blessed with the nicest staff and a delightfully renovated dining

room with sparkling China, crisp linen, an interesting bread basket, colossal desserts and live jazz on piano with Eddy Samson who is Aruba's best entertainer, and a walking & breathing music encyclopedia, just whistle the tune, and Eddy will produce a symphonic version of your favorite song.

Hungry patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-course menu featuring the run of the menu highlights for just \$34.95 per person. www.manchebo.com steakhouse

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents Beach Cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is widely recognized as the home of Beach Cuisine.

Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a Sun Splashed menu on the ocean front terrace, raising the restaurant to a must-visit, must-try status.



The contemporary menu, lists many favorite dishes from around the world, borrowing inspiration from US, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek and Mediterranean kitchens, all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

From Sun-Sational Salads, to

Cuban pressed jawbreakers and wraps, mid-day platters also include oversize Beef Burgers, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches and Hot Dogs.

The Pega Pega tropical & frozen cocktail list, with fresh fruit or ice cream smoothies, daiquiris, coladas and margaritas, leaves nothing out, including Yellow Birds, Sex on the Beach and Mudslides, making a lunch-time brain-freeze, extremely easy to get!

The Pega Pega, one of Aruba oldest beach bars is open on fabulous Eagle Beach, with unrivaled views, caring, gracious service, and relaxed atmosphere, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The bar is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.



Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico

Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano located at the heart of the low-rise hotels at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors, at a reasonable price.

The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico a three-course dinner featuring appetizers, main courses and desserts for just \$19.95, per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between home made soup and Caesar salad, Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese or any favorite pizza with Tiramisu, Cheese Cake or Ice Cream for the sweet finale.

Executive Chef George Hoek is the resort's much-appreciated culinary expert. He was the recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group. Chef George accepted the Shoco Award, the national award of excellence, and Aruba's top professional decoration, in the tourism industry. □



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CDEMA and Jamaica Defence Force looking for delegates

Subsequent to earlier information, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat has learnt that four delegates who were attending the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS), in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, have not been accounted for. The delegates include a national of Saint Lucia, a national of Trinidad and Tobago and two nationals of the Netherlands Antilles. The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) and other agencies in Haiti are working assiduously to locate these delegates. □

KINGSTON, JAMAICA - The Digicel network is now functioning well in Port-au-Prince with more and more customers connecting to it and being able to make and receive calls, text messages, email and BlackBerry Messenger messages. With coverage in the rest of the country good, Digicel is also ensuring that all of its two million plus customers in Haiti can stay in contact with friends and family

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-- Roaming is fully operational

-- There is still some congestion on the network when making and

receiving international calls

-- An assessment of what network equipment is required has been

completed and new equipment has been ordered and is en route to Haiti

-- More teams of technicians have been assembled and are en route to

support the existing teams on the ground

As well as the US\$5 million

which is being donated to NGOs by Digicel directly, Digicel has set up the Digicel Haiti Relief Fund. By Friday evening -- just two days after it went live -- a massive US\$300,000 was donated by Digicel customers across our 32 markets worldwide.

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Haiti's musician Wyclef Jean, left, arrives at the airport in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, the day after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit his country. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

(AP)

Wyclef Jean's Yele Haiti charity comes under fire

Groups that vet charities see problems in Haitian-born Wyclef Jean's charitable organization

By RYAN NAKASHIMA

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES - Groups that vet charities are raising doubts about the organization backed by Haitian-born rapper Wyclef Jean, questioning its accounting practices and ability to function in earthquake-hit Haiti.

Even as more than \$2 million poured into The Wyclef Jean Foundation Inc. via text message after just two days, experts questioned how much of the money would help those in need.

"It's questionable. There's no way to get around that," said Art Taylor, president and chief executive of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, based in Arlington, Va.

Taylor reviewed Internal Revenue Service tax returns for the organization also known as Yele Haiti Foundation from 2005 through 2007. He said the first red flag of poor accounting practices was that three years of returns were filed on the same day — Aug. 10 of last year.

In 2007, the foundation's spending exceeded its revenues by \$411,000. It brought in just \$79,000 that year.

"Here's the bottom line: for an earthquake of catastrophic proportions, do people really believe that this organization is in a position to do anything right now?" he said.

Jean, a 37-year-old Grammy-winning artist, has been imploring followers to text "Yele" to 501501 to donate \$5 to his foundation in support of Haitian earthquake victims.

The foundation, founded in January 2005, intends to airlift supplies using a FedEx plane into Haiti early next week carrying medical supplies, water and Clif Bars, according to foundation president Hugh Locke.

An Associated Press review of tax returns and independent audits provided by Jean's foundation showed that it was closely intertwined with Jean's businesses.

Three of the five foundation board members — Jean, Jerry Duplessis and Seth Kanegis — are involved in his personal music and business endeavors.

According to an IRS tax return from 2006 reviewed earlier by the Web site The Smoking Gun, the foundation paid \$250,000 to buy airtime from Telemax S.A., a for-profit TV station in Haiti that is majority owned by Jean and Duplessis. □

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Presidente Correa pide “pacto de sangre” para seguir con socialismo Ecuador



El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, hace flamear una bandera el sábado en Ambato durante una celebración por su tercer aniversario en el poder. REUTERS/Guillermo Granja

AMBATO, Ecuador (Reuters) - El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, pidió el sábado un “pacto de sangre” a miles de ciudadanos que salieron a las calles para respaldarlo, cuando se cumplen tres años de su mandato, en el que busca instaurar el socialismo en el país andino. Desde que asumió el cargo en enero del 2007, el mandatario ha implementado una serie de medidas para cambiar la estructura estatal del socio más pequeño de la OPEP

y beneficiar a los sectores desposeídos con ayudas económicas directas.

“Tenemos que hacer un pacto de sangre, nadie va a abandonar este barco (...) Vamos a continuar esta revolución”, dijo Correa ante miles de ecuatorianos que acudieron de distintas partes del país a la ciudad andina de Ambato para respaldar a su Gobierno.

Correa, un economista con formación en Estados Unidos, ratificó su compromiso de beneficiar a los pobres e indígenas e incluirlos en las decisiones económicas y políticas como parte de su proyecto de instaurar el socialismo en la nación.

“Mis respetos Correa, eres un señor presidente”, rezaban los carteles que llevaban los eufóricos manifestantes, mientras aplaudían sus críticas a varios sectores como los medios de comunicación, empresarios, organismos multilaterales y ex colaboradores de su régimen. La celebración de Correa coincide con un distanciamiento con figuras claves de su movimiento político y colaboradores por duras críticas a la gestión que estaban desempeñando y denuncias del Gobierno de una supuesta conspiración

de algunos sectores para desestabilizar al mandatario. Una encuesta de la firma Cedatos-Gallup Internacional reveló la víspera una caída paulatina de la popularidad de Correa al pasar en enero del

2007 del 73 por ciento a un 41 por ciento en enero del 2010. La encuesta se tomó entre el 7 y 12 de enero a unas 2.120 personas en el país y tienen un margen de error de +/- 3,2 por ciento.

Perú:

Alud deja un muerto y 120 damnificados en sureste

LIMA (AP) - Tres avalanchas de lodo, árboles y rocas cayeron sobre un vecindario asentado en un cerro, sepultaron una vivienda, dejaron un muerto, 10 heridos y 120 damnificados, informó una alta autoridad regional, el sábado por la noche.

Federico Salas, presidente regional de Huancavelica, le dijo a The Associated Press que el suceso ocurrió “la tarde del sábado” en el cerro Santa Bárbara, muy cercano a la plaza de Armas de la andina región de Huancavelica, 240 kilómetros al sureste de Lima.

“Las lluvias se intensificaron este sábado y produjeron tres avalanchas de lodo, árboles y rocas en el cerro Santa Bárbara que mataron a una mujer de 35 años, produjeron 10 heridos y dejaron 120 damnificados”, precisó Salas.

“Las precipitaciones en diciembre de 2009 han roto tres puentes y son poco más del doble que las de 2008. Estamos viendo que el cambio climático nos está afectando”, añadió.

Huancavelica es la región más pobre de Perú, según el último censo nacional del 2007. En diciembre un alud ocasionado por lluvias en la región Ayacucho dejó 10 muertos y, en los primeros días de enero, inusuales precipitaciones se presentaron en la capital de Perú donde casi nunca llueve □

Dominicana será sede de cumbre mundial por Haití

SANTO DOMINGO (Reuters) - República Dominicana anunció el sábado que ha iniciado los preparativos para la celebración de una “Cumbre Mundial por Haití” en Santo Domingo, donde la comunidad internacional discutirá un plan para la reconstrucción del devastado país caribeño.

El lunes habrá una primera reunión preparatoria de la cumbre con la presencia del mandatario de Haití, Rene Preval; la vicepresidenta del gobierno español, María Teresa Fernández de la Vega; y enviados de organismos como el Banco Mundial, la OEA, la ONU y el Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo, anunció el Gobierno dominicano.

El encuentro contará además con la presencia de representantes de los gobiernos de Estados Unidos, Canadá y Brasil; y embajadores de países de América Latina.

El lunes se decidirá la fecha de realización de la cumbre, dijeron autoridades dominicanas a Reuters, pero se da por seguro que será en los próximos días.

Fernández visitó el miércoles Puerto Príncipe para evaluar los daños del devastador sismo que asoló Haití un día antes y que dejó decenas de miles de víctimas. □

Capturado narcotraficante en Venezuela

CARACAS (AP) - Uno de los narcotraficantes más buscados por el gobierno de los Estados Unidos, fue capturado esta semana en Venezuela, confirmaron el sábado medios oficiales.

Se trata del colombiano Salomón Camacho Mora, quien de acuerdo con el informe de búsqueda de las autoridades estadounidenses, desde 1998 al presente habría enviado toneladas de cocaína a Estados Unidos.

Camacho, de 65 años, fue capturado por agentes del Servicio Bolivariano de Inteligencia o policía política y la gubernamental Oficina nacional Antidrogas (ONA), esta semana, en la ciudad central de Valencia, a unos 150 kilómetros, reportó el sábado la agencia estatal de noticias ABN, sin dar otros detalles. El presunto narcotraficante se encontraba ilegalmente en el país. □

Chilenos votan presidente, derechista podría vencer

SANTIAGO (Reuters) - Los chilenos votaban el domingo por un nuevo presidente, en una reñida segunda vuelta en la que un multimillonario de derecha llega con una leve ventaja para derrotar en las urnas al candidato del bloque de centroizquierda en el poder hace 20 años.

Si vence, el empresario Sebastián Piñera, quien se ha abierto a contar en su Gobierno con ex colaboradores de la dictadura de Augusto Pinochet (1973-1990), se convertiría en el primer presidente de derecha electo en medio siglo en el país.

Autoridades señalaron que las mesas de sufragio comenzaron a armarse sin mayores problemas alrededor de las 07.00 hora local (1000 GMT)



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y los electores votaban en calma en la que se espera que sea la más ajustada segunda vuelta de los últimos años.

Una proyección reciente de la encuestadora MORI, la última antes de los comicios, mostró que el opositor Piñera obtendría un 50,9 por ciento de los votos, mientras que el candidato de la oficialista Concertación, el ex presidente Eduardo Frei, lograría un 49,1 por ciento.

La estrecha diferencia contrastó con la holgada ventaja que gozaba el magnate en los días que siguieron a la primera vuelta que se realizó el 13 de diciembre, cuando Piñera obtuvo un 44,05 por ciento de los votos, mientras que Frei se quedó con un 29,6 por ciento. □

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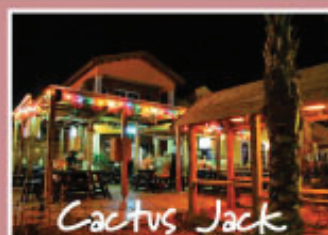


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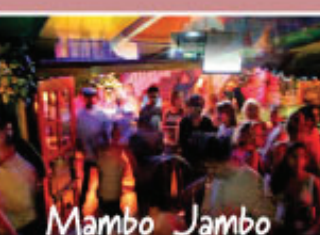
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